

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. AMENDMENT

Please amend the Application as follows:

A. In the Claims:

Please amend claim 33 as follows.

33. (Once Amended) A method of cementing within a wellbore, [comprising] consisting essentially of:

introducing a cement slurry comprising a hydraulic cement and aluminum silicate into a wellbore; and

allowing said cement slurry to set within said wellbore;

wherein said aluminum silicate comprises at least one of kaolin, metakaolin, halloysite, dickite, nacrite, or a mixture thereof.

Please add new claims 38 and 39 as follows.

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38. A method of cementing within a wellbore, comprising:

introducing a cement slurry comprising a hydraulic cement and aluminum silicate into a wellbore; and

allowing said cement slurry to set within said wellbore;